

NEWS FROM COMMISSIONER LIZ STEFANICS  
DISTRICT 5 - SANTA FE COUNTY  
SEPTEMBER 27, 2011  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSION SUMMARY



Turquoise Trail Charter School is recruiting for additional governance council members from the Hwy. 14 corridor who might be interested in education and would like a way to be involved.

Community members are not required to be parents of students at the school but want to support innovation in public education.

For more information, contact Principal Davis at 467-1702. [www.turquoisetrailcharterschool.info](http://www.turquoisetrailcharterschool.info)

*Thanks, Liz*

Below is a summary of the actions taken by the Santa Fe Board of County Commissioners. Four of the five Commissioners were present; Chair Virginia Vigil was excused.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**FINAL ORDERS**

BCC unanimously approved CDRC Case #V 11-5070, Joya de Hondo Variance.

**BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS**

The Commission unanimously approved the following:

- Increase the DWI Fund and budget and operating transfer out to the Law Enforcement Operations Fund and to adjust budgets within the DWI Fund in the amount of \$16,055
- Increase Law Enforcement Operations Fund to budget additional grant funding awarded through the Office of National Drug Control Policy for the Region III HIDTA program in the amount of \$20,000 and to bring forward the Fiscal Year 2011 unexpended balance in the amount of \$1,489.84
- Increase to the Operating Transfer from the General Fund to the Law Enforcement Operations Fund for additional funding to upgrade the security systems for restricted areas in the amount of \$1,672
- Increase to the State Special Appropriations Fund to budget cash carryover for the Agua Fria Community Center Project in the amount of \$27,236
- Increase to the Fire Operations Fund to budget cash carryover from Forestry Revenue Received for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2012 in the amount of \$82,631

**SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

The Santa Fe Underage Drinking Preventions Alliance (SFUDPA) outlined progress in their mission to reduce underage drinking, DWI risk, and access to alcohol. Program chair Shelley Mann-Lev listed the

numerous partners involved in the Alliance, highlighting statistics showing lowered use and delineating a number of initiatives promoted by the organization.

#### **MATTERS FROM THE COMMISSION**

- Bruce Swingle, Loss Prevention Manager from the New Mexico Association of Counties, spoke of the Risk Awareness Program and its success resulting in a decrease of claims over the past three years.
- The BCC passed a proclamation honoring the Santa Fe High School Theatre Department for being selected to attend the Edinburgh Fringe Festival in Scotland.

#### **APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS**

County Hydrologist Karen Torres and former Commissioner Mike Anaya were appointed to the Estancia Basin Water Planning Committee (Commissioner Robert Anaya recused himself from this vote).

#### **COMMUNITY SERVICES**

The BCC approved the following:

- Approval of an Easement Agreement between Santa Fe County and the Public Service Company of New Mexico (PNM) to operate and maintain PNM facilities, to provide service adjacent to and abutting the Camino de Jacobo property lines.
- Approval of an Easement Agreement between Santa Fe County and the Public Service Company of New Mexico (PNM) to install new electrical facilities in the Valle Vista public housing subdivision (Lot 11, 52,56,57,58 and 59).

#### **PUBLIC WORKS**

At the request of the New Mexico Department of Transportation, three resolutions involving County participation in road projects were rescinded and reapproved with information that is more specific.

#### **FINANCE DEPARTMENT**

- Director Teresa Martinez provided the monthly update noting an increase in grant revenues that covered expenditures. Property tax collection was slightly off but was still over budget. GRT revenue is holding, while the unincorporated area is being closely monitored. All budget cuts are still in place.
- The BCC unanimously approved Resolution 2011-153 requesting an increase to the Fire Operation Fund to budget a grant awarded through the New Mexico Department of Health-Emergency Medical Systems Bureau to purchase an ambulance for the Pojoaque Fire District for \$80,000.

#### **MATTERS FROM THE COUNTY ASSESSOR**

A lease agreement with Georgia Place, LLC was approved for office rental space.

#### **MATTERS FROM COUNTY MANAGER KATHERINE MILLER:**

- At the suggestion of the County Manager, a letter will be sent to the Governor urging approval of the legislative capital outlay bill, which will provide funding for senior services, and for a severance tax bond of \$15 million for Indian water rights settlements, including Aamodt.
- The board decided it would not hold a December 27 meeting.

- The Intergovernmental Summit is scheduled for November 16, 2011. Agenda items will include emergency management, fire, and animal control.

**Redistricting:** The first of two public hearings was held. Erle Wright from the GIS Department presented five options for consideration. The board voted to eliminate three of the five options, leaving map option C-2 and C-3. There will be a second and final public hearing on October 11 at approximately 4 p.m. Immediately following the public hearing, the BCC will vote on a final option. For more information or to view the final options visit [www.santafecounty.org/county\\_commissioners/redistricting](http://www.santafecounty.org/county_commissioners/redistricting)

#### **GROWTH MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT**

Staff held a study session on the Sustainable Land Development Code (SLDC) with emphasis on energy efficiency and green building standards, open space and trails, and agriculture and ranching. Public comment was taken and the concept code draft of the Home-based Business Section was distributed.

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